

*Lovely Strange Dark*

# **HAKOBUNE NO BIOSOPHIA**

**"BIOSOPHY OF THE ARK"**

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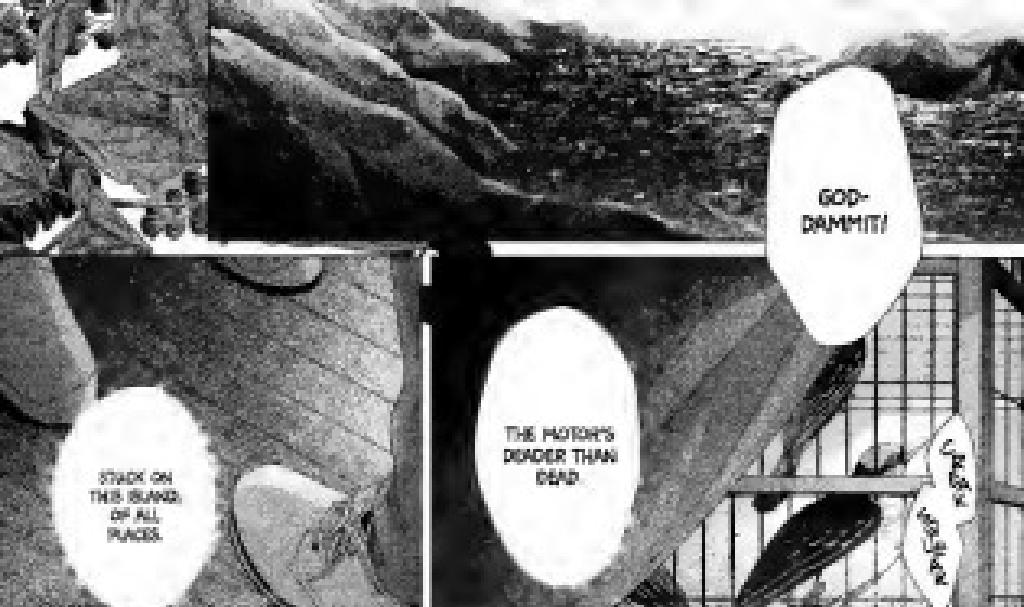
青井秋

NAKOBUNENO BIOSOPHIA

方舟の  
アーバン  
ソフィア

在る小さな星の  
検疫所を舞台にした、  
種と起源の物語

BIOSOPHY OF THE ARK



STUCK ON  
THIS ISLAND  
OF ALL PLACES.

THE FACTORY'S  
DEECKER THAN  
DAD



Rattle

WHAT DO WE  
DO WITH  
THESE BABIES?

LIVE WE HAVE  
A CHOICE.



SOAR

THERE  
GOES OUR  
HARD-EARNED  
MONEY.

ALL THAT  
WORK FOR  
NOTHING.  
DAMN!

THE PAPER  
PUSHERS ON THIS  
GODFORSAKEN  
ISLAND BETTER  
APPRECIATE OUR  
LITTLE GIFT.





Squash





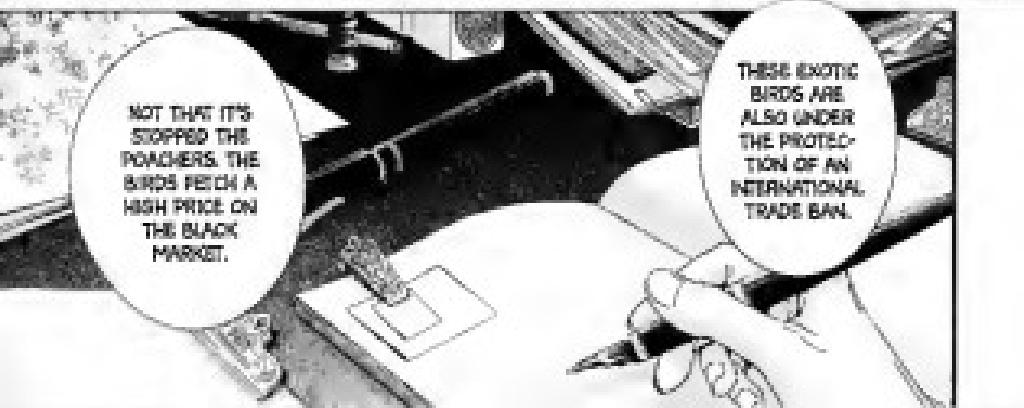


I COULDN'T FIND ANY TRACES OF THE BIRDS ON THE CASES THAT HELD THEM, BUT THE DOGS SNIFTED OUT SOME FEATHERS FROM UNDER THE CHAIR'S FLOORBOARDS.

I GAVE THEM TO AD FROM THE ANIMAL QUARANTINE DEPARTMENT FOR IDENTIFICATION AND, WELL, THEY BELONG TO BLACK-TIPPED HONEYEATERS. DEFINITELY NOT AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

AT TEN THIS MORNING PHIL SAW A FLIGHT OF UNKNOWN BIRDS OVER THE GROUNDS.

THERE'S A BOAT IN THE HARBOR - DOCKED AROUND THE TIME THE BIRDS WERE SIGHTED. BY THE LOOK OF IT I THINK IT BROKE DOWN. I FOCUSED MY SEARCH THERE.

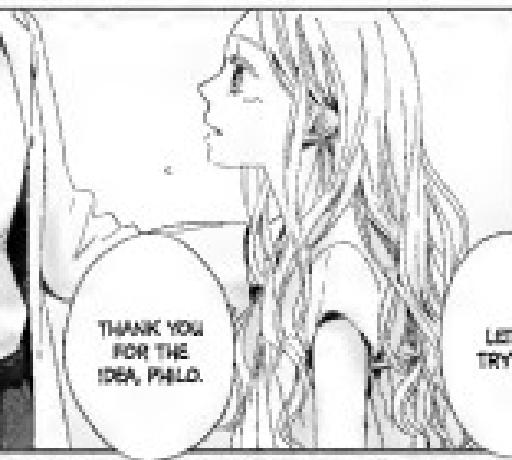


NOT THAT IT'S STOPPED THE POACHERS. THE BIRDS FETCH A HIGH PRICE ON THE BLACK MARKET.

THESE EXOTIC BIRDS ARE ALSO UNDER THE PROTECTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE BAN.







TIKA, HELP  
SYCHRA SET  
THINGS UP.

THEY SAY  
THERE USED  
TO BE A SPACE-  
PORT HERE.  
MUST'VE BEEN  
A BUSY PLACE.

HA HA. WE'RE  
LOW ON THE  
FUNDS, AND THE  
FOYER'S ABOUT  
THE ONLY AREA  
THAT GETS  
VISITORS, YOU  
KNOW?

I'VE NEVER  
SEEN A  
SPACESHIP  
IN MY LIFE.

ME  
NEITHER.

NOW IT'S  
JUST A PORT  
OF CALL IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF NOWHERE.

YES,  
IT IS.  
UM.

IS THIS THE  
FIRST TIME  
YOU'VE BEEN  
HERE?

THE FOYER IS  
NICE, BUT THE  
REST OF THE  
BUILDING COULD  
USE SOME  
MAINTENANCE.



OH.

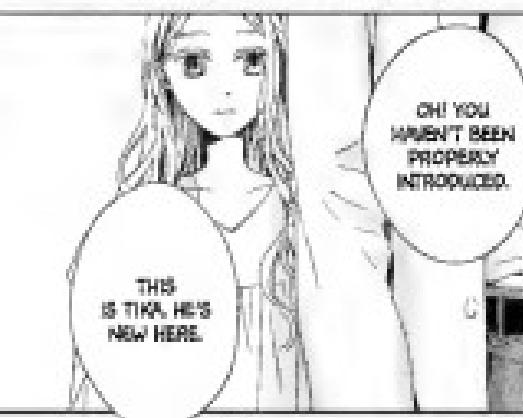
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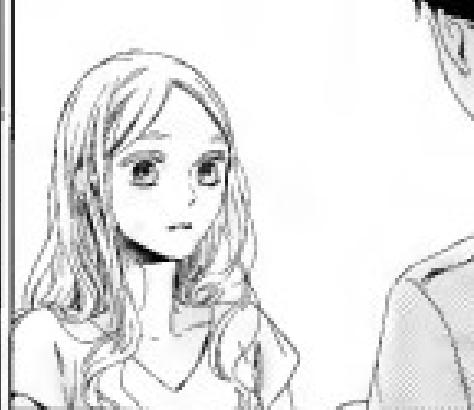
YOU'RE ABOUT  
TO ENTER THE  
PART OF THE  
BUILDING I'M  
IN CHARGE OF.

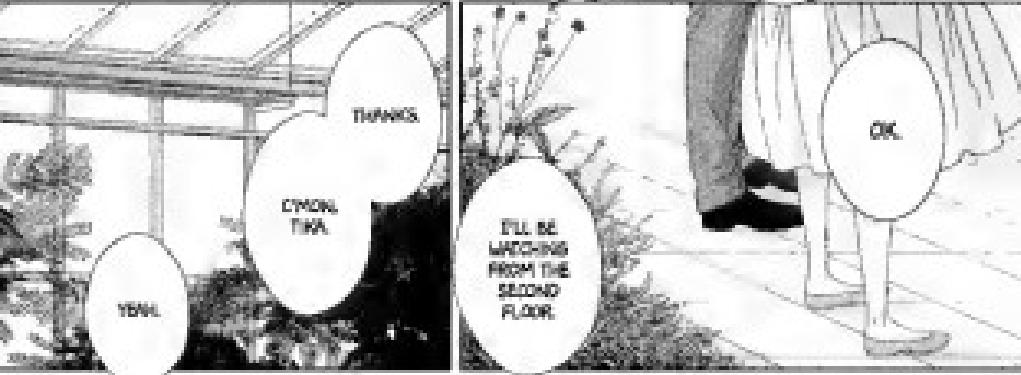
THIS IS WHERE  
MY COLLEAGUES  
AND I CULTIVATE  
THE FLORA OF  
THIS ISLAND.

THE OLDEST  
GREENHOUSE ON  
THE ISLAND, ALSO  
KNOWN AS THE  
GLASS ARK.

THOUGH THE  
TRUE ARK, IF  
YOU ASK ME,  
IS THE SEED  
BANK UNDER-  
GROUND.





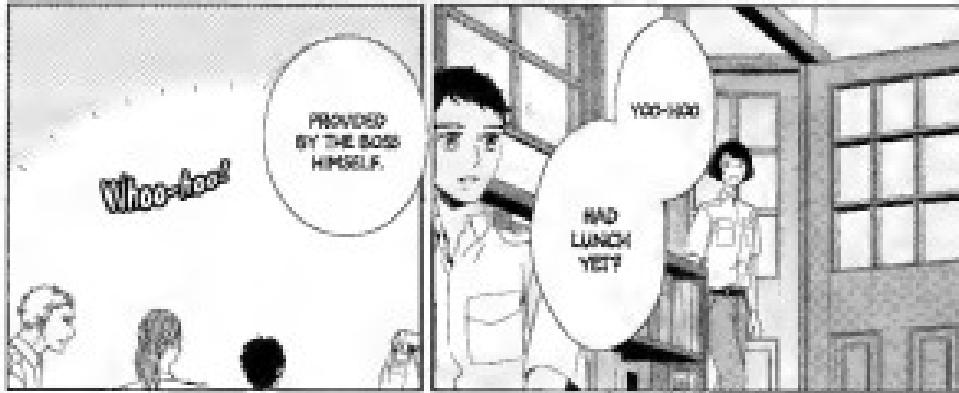


















I'VE LIVED  
HERE ALL  
MY LIFE.

BUT IT'S  
LIKE I KNOW  
NOTHING  
ABOUT THE  
ISLAND.

OH, OK.

IT'S  
CONSTANTLY  
EVOLVING,  
YOU KNOW.

BUT YOU CAN'T  
REALLY SEE IT  
BECAUSE IT'S A  
SLOW PROCESS,  
MY DAD SAID.

UML.

THE ISLAND  
IS A LIVING  
CREATURE ALL  
ITS OWN.

THAT'S  
BECAUSE

?

CHANGES  
BROUGHT ON  
BY INVASIVE  
SPECIES

EHHH...

HE DIDN'T KNOW  
IF THE CHANGE  
WAS FOR THE  
WORSE, EITHER.







HOW DID  
PHO...?



SHE'S  
AMAZING,  
ISN'T SHE?

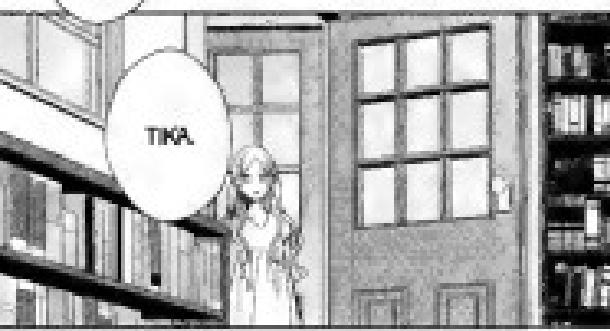


SHE GOT  
THAT GIFT  
FROM HER  
FATHER.



SYOKA.







AND THESE ARE THE FLOWERS THAT SMELL LIKE BITTER CITRUS BLOSSOMS

